

College 'controls' enrolment growth after provincial funding shortfall

Inadequate provincial funding has forced George Brown to control post-secondary enrolment growth in September, 1991.

The college has adopted enrolment targets for each program and postponed several new programs to keep first-year enrolment at about this year's level.

These moves were made necessary when the provincial government increased 1991/92 funding for colleges by just 7.3 per cent.

That amount will cover the college's costs at our current first year enrolment level but will not pay for any increase, says President Doug Light.

Provincial funding would have to go up by 10 per cent to allow a three per cent increase in student population, he says.

To control enrolment this year, the college, through its deans, has set targets for each program that specify the maximum number of students who may enrol.

In previous years, extra program sections were added in some cases to accommodate a large number of qualified applicants.

The college has postponed the start of several new post-secondary programs developed by the School of Business, and limited enrolment growth of certificate programs.

These actions were made necessary by years of inadequate funding from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, whose funds account for about half of the college's \$110-million operating budget, and by diminishing federal government financial support for institutional training and education, Light says. George Brown is currently making the most efficient use possible of its human and physical resources, and no new enrolment can be handled by existing staff, he says.



GALA RETIREMENT DINNER - President Doug Light shares a quiet moment with his wife Helen and former Council of Regents Chairperson Charles Pascal at the gala retirement dinner at the Toronto Convention Centre on March 4. More than 350 people attended the dinner, where it was announced that the daycare centre at Nightingale Campus will be named after Light, who retires at the end of March.

All smoking to be banned on July 1

Starting in July, smokers at George Brown will have one place to light up - outside.

Following a recent complaint about smoking to the City of Toronto, the college has decided to close its smoking lounges and ban smoking from all its buildings on July 1, 1991.

A new legal interpretation of provincial regulations indicates that the City of Toronto bylaw concerning smoking in workplaces now applies to George Brown College, Senior Vice-President Jim Turner says.

Early in 1991, a complaint was filed by a staff member under a City of Toronto bylaw that says if one person in a workplace complains about smoking, it must be completely prohibited.

George Brown's Board of Governors decided at its March meeting to accept a recommendation from the quickly re-established smoking policy commit-

tee to respect the authority of the city and close the college's 16 smoking lounges. Smoking will be allowed in part of Plumer's Dining Room at St. James because it is regarded as a restaurant under the city's bylaw.

The lounges, eight of which were constructed two years ago, were the last refuge of smokers at the college. Starting in 1989, smoking was restricted to the lounges, which are all separately ventilated to the outside.

The change in policy will affect thousands of students and hundreds of staff members. Surveys taken in 1989 found that 38 per cent of students and 35 per cent of staff smoked.

The college can discipline staff or students who refuse to stop smoking in college buildings. Violators of the smoking policy are also subject to fines under the city bylaw. Campus managers are responsible for enforcing the policy in common areas of the college.



Comment by Doug Light

People made the difference

Most of us imagine that the period before retirement is one of slow winding down – a time to sort through papers, tie up loose ends and quietly contemplate the past. Much to my chagrin, my last few weeks as president have included very little time for these activities. If fact, with budget-setting for the coming year, they have been as hectic as any I have experienced in the last 13 years.

In the few quiet moments of reflection I've had, though, it has become clear that what I'll miss most about George Brown is the people.

The energy, enthusiasm and commitment of our staff, our students and the members of our advisory committees and Board of Governors has never ceased to amaze me.

The adaptability and flexibility of our administrative, academic and support staff has been particularly impressive during the last decade, when the only constant has been change. Collectively, we have weathered a dramatic reduction in federal training purchases with minimal disruption and dislocation. Collectively, we have continued to explore new and innovative ways to serve our community.

In the past few weeks I have had the privilege of meeting many of my friends and colleagues at special events to mark my retirement. To these people I have personally extended my appreciation for their hard work and support over the years. To all members of George Brown's community I would like to do the same.

I have been deeply touched by all your kind wishes and your support for the scholarship fund. My association with you has enhanced my time at George Brown, and will remain a source of happy memories.

D. E. Light



CITY AWARD WINNERS - School of Business Dean Jim Ross chats with (from left) students Helen Hung, Elsie Hung and teacher Anne Carr after the City of Toronto awards ceremony in early March. Helen and Elsie (who are not related) were awarded \$750 scholarships that commemorate the visit of Queen Elizabeth II to Toronto in 1973.

Students learn to protect ozone layer

George Brown technology students are now front-line troops in the fight to save the earth's protective ozone layer.

Students in the 36-week Refrigeration and Air Conditioning program now learn how to use a machine that cleans and recycles the chloro-fluorocarbons (CFCs) found in the cooling gas used in air conditioners, freezers and refrigerators.

"We purchased this machine because we're very concerned about the environment and what's happening to it," says program co-ordinator Danny Manis.

"Being a training facility, we thought it was very important that we take precautions to avoid any further damage to the ozone layer by educating the students."

The ozone layer, which filters out harmful ultraviolet radiation, is being depleted by virtually indestructible CFCs. These chemicals blow into the upper atmosphere and change its chemical structure by "eating" parts of ozone molecules. Scientists say the thinning of the ozone could accelerate incidents of skin cancer and cause other health damage.

Students will be urged to continue to practise refrigerant recovery as a standard procedure when they go out to work in industry, Manis says.

Currently, most companies simply release the unwanted cooling gas into the air, he says.

The \$4,500 machine recovers refrigerants when the air conditioning and refrigeration systems are being serviced. The machine pumps and stores the extracted gas, which can be used again in the same or other systems.



Technology teacher Danny Manis (left) shows student Robert Burns how to take ozone-killing CFCs from an old fridge.

Photo: Jan Blacker

Events

March 27 - Staff Development Seminar: *Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)*. Find out about how hazardous materials are handled in the College, the responsibilities of employees, the college and suppliers, and key legislation. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Casa Loma Room C-318. For information, call Staff Training and Development at 944-4661.

March 29 - Good Friday. College closed.

April 1 - Internationally renowned chef Julia Child will speak to George Brown hospitality students in the Junior Escoffier Society, 6 p.m., auditorium, 300 Adelaide St. E. She will also give a cooking demonstration and talk about North Americans' fear of food, starting at 7 p.m. in the auditorium in a private event organized by the college and the Toronto Star.

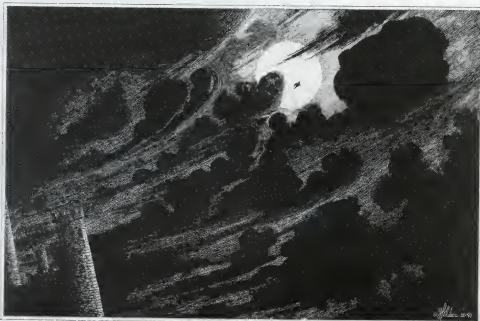
April 2 - Board of Governors meeting, 500 MacPherson, 5 p.m. All welcome. Call Enid Bailey at 944-4479.

April 4 - Staff development seminar - DBase III Plus Training. Classes also on April 8, 11, and 15 at 146 Kendal, 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call Staff Training and Development at 944-4661.

April 9 - Staff development seminar - How to Write a Winning Proposal, 500 MacPherson, boardroom, 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call Staff Training and Development at 944-4661.

April 11 - Athletic awards banquet for college varsity and intramural teams, 7 p.m. at Plumer's Dining Room, 300 Adelaide St. E. For information, call Sheky Yew Woon at 867-2176.

April 16 - 19 - Graphic design exhibition of students' work, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Rotunda, Toronto City Hall. Features pastels, black-and-white sketches, colour camera-ready art, paintings and packaging work done by first-, second- and third-year graphic arts students. For more information, call Earl Walker at 867-2011.



MOONLIGHTING - Second year graphic design student Faria Helder used pen and ink to draw this moody scene. Titled With a sad and mournful song, it's intended as an illustration to the poem "Mary Ellen's Wedding" from The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood by Howard Pyle. Helder's drawing is just one of hundreds of entries for the annual graphic design show (see April 16 item) which will be held at City Hall.

April 17 - Staff development seminar - Effective Time Management, 500 MacPherson, boardroom, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call Staff Training and Development at 944-4661.

April 17 - Start of spring high school basketball league. Two divisions - seniors play Wednesdays, juniors play Thursdays. Registration fee \$25 per person. For information, call Sheky Yew Woon at 867-2176.

April 18 - College Council meeting, Room 310, 300 Adelaide St. E., 8:45 - 11 a.m.

April 18 - 23 - Taste of Canada '91, national student culinary competition, hosted by the School of Hospitality, 300 Adelaide St. E. The event features competition in hot and cold food categories between eight college teams from across the country and, for the first time, a cooking contest for individual secondary school students. A number of luncheons, tours and other events will be held for participants. Public viewing of final entries will be held on Tuesday, April 23 from noon to 5 p.m., in the atrium of the School of Hospitality. For information, call Wendy Jones at 867-2239.

April 20 - Staff development seminar - Instructing the Adult. Classes also on April 27, 29 and 30 at 200 King St. E.,

Room 522. For times and information call Staff Training and Development at 944-4661.

- St. James Campus Environmental Committee meeting, 10 a.m. - noon, Room 310, 300 Adelaide St. E. Subsequent meetings on May 24 and June 14, same time and location. All welcome. If you would like to attend, or want more information, call Fiona Huebner, 867-2064.

May 2 - Fashion Division open house: *Avenues to Fashion*, Kensington Campus, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Featuring displays, demonstrations and information in: fashion design and management, apparel pattern drafting, sewing machine technician, furniture production and design, furniture woodworking and upholstery, hairstyling, ceramics, jewellery arts and repair, gemmology, and gem setting. Plus an ongoing fashion show and special "career update" forum at noon. Free admission. For information, call 867-2382 or 2383.

Upcoming - Convocations, Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23, 1991. This year the main spring convocations for post-secondary students will return to traditional days and times, but will be held in a new place - the auditorium of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre at 255 Front St. W.

Names in the News

Staff and students at George Brown are anything but unified about Canadian unity. Spicer Commission-sponsored discussion groups at St. James, Kensington and Casa Loma in mid-March probably produced as many opinions as participants. At one St. James session, participants debated downplaying multiculturalism ("Instead of celebrating our differences, what about celebrating our similarities?"); adopting English as the only national official language; and redrawing the political map ("It would be terrible for Quebec to leave Canada, but I don't see how we can stop it. Maybe we should look at restructuring the country."). Kensington English teacher Irene Ross, who organized the five sessions which attracted 110 people, says she and the commission welcome the diversity of opinion. "The point was not to reach a consensus." A record of the discussion of each group, including a French-speaking group at Kensington, will be sent to the commission to be part of their country-wide opinion-gathering efforts. Moderators for the sessions were Anne Carr, Danny Cushing, Doug Jull, Peggy Needham and David Parker.

School of Technology teacher Brian Walsmsley has written a college-level text called *Technical Carpentry*. The \$35 book, which is published by Centennial College Publishing, fills a gap in dealing with residential and commercial construction methods. The book is Walsmsley's second. Eight years ago he wrote *Construction Geometry*, which is used at George Brown and other colleges.

Oops! Did we say left? The caption under a picture on page 4 of the February issue of *City College News* incorrectly named the people pictured. For the record: on the left is Board member Alex Yeung and on the right is John Rankin, who becomes George Brown's president on April 2.

Karen O'Kain of the International Centre has taken a leave of absence from the college to work in Indonesia. She left March 8 to be training adviser in the Overseas Training Office of the Indonesian government's Ministry of Planning. O'Kain will be working with ministry officials to design short-term training programs for government officials and will manage an education resource centre.



Photo: Neil McGillivray

THE MEDIUM IS THE MESSAGE - Athletics Department secretary Teresa Francisco gets a neck and shoulder massage from Debbie Kempel, a registered massage therapist of the Sutherland Chan Clinic. The Clinic's booth at the St. James Campus Wellness Day in late February was popular with line-ups of tense, or just curious, students and staff. According to Kempel, who is operations manager of Sutherland Chan's four clinics, the students she massaged were much more tense than staff. Massage can reduce stress, relieve pain, increase joint mobility and improve circulation, she says. It can be particularly helpful to teachers who spend much of their days writing on blackboards, or to staff who sit hunched in front of computer screens. George Brown's extended health insurance plan covers 85 per cent of the cost of a massage with an annual limit of \$300 per family member. That's enough for six hour-long massages at about \$60 each.

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Civil Engineering program co-ordinator Louise Trudel-Kruthof was the only George Brown staff member and the only female speaker at *Earthworks*, a seminar organized for consulting engineers and contractors who specialize in excavation. Sponsored by Technical University of Nova Scotia, last month's two-day conference drew specialists from across the province to the Ramada Hotel in Toronto's west end. Trudel-Kruthof, who is also co-ordinator of the construction management program, led two seminars at the conference about excavation.

Holders of the following tickets in the Children's Christmas Party draw have won prizes: 36, 241, 3816, 1146 and 3699. Call Roberta Weaver at 944-4387 before the end of March to claim them.

The Human Resources Department reports the following personnel changes:

New faculty include former Board of Governors member Jenny Ono, who joins the Computer-Aided Engineering Department at 146 Kendal, and John Watts, who joins Electrical Technology at 160 Kendal.

New support staff include: Karen McKee at Waterpark Place Daycare Centre at 511 Richmond St. W. and Chris Patellis in caretaking at 160 Kendal.

Support staff transfers at the college include: Vicky Backway, who moves from the Test Centre at 1 Dartnell Ave. to Student Services at St. James; Jim Barron, who goes from Campus Management to Architectural Engineering at 160 Kendal; Carol MacDonald, who goes from Health Sciences at St. James to the Test Centre at 1 Dartnell; Amin Safwat, who goes from Caretaking at 160 Kendal to Kensington; and Nezlyn Turner, who moves from the Communications Department at 258 Adelaide to the Test Centre at 1 Dartnell.

Name changes include: Helen McIlwraith in Hospitality, who is now Helen MacCallum.

Giovanni Baiutti has retired from caretaking at 160 Kendal.

Leaving the college are Vilma Babbar, Michael Lee, and Shirley Roberts.